



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
CHIEF, ARMY MEDICAL SPECIALIST CORPS
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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL ARMY MEDICAL SPECIALIST CORPS PERSONNEL

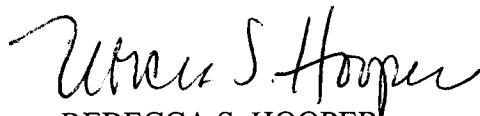
SUBJECT: Specialist Corps Chief Policy 00-01-04 on Corps Medallions/Coins

1. **PURPOSE.** To establish policy for awarding personnel with the Specialist Corps Crystal Medallion, Specialist Corps Bronze Medallion, Specialists Corps Chief's Coin of Excellence, and the Specialist Corps Coin.
2. **APPLICABILITY.** This policy applies to all Specialist Corps officers and future recipients of the Corps medallions/coins.
3. **HISTORY.** In 1985, during the preparation for the 40th Anniversary of the Army Medical Specialist Corps (SP), COL Mary E. Lucas, Chief, SP Corps directed the development of a distinctive medallion bearing the SP Corps Caduceus and the AMEDD Regimental Crest. Her desire was that this handsome medallion be used as a special award for individuals who have contributed their time and energies for the betterment of the SP Corps. Since the original striking of the medallion, it has been presented to a select few individuals beginning with Retiring Surgeon General, LTG Quinn H. Becker and continuing with retiring Corps Chiefs of other AMEDD Corps, former SP Corps Chiefs, retiring IMA's to the Office of the Chief, SP Corps, and to outstanding contributors to the fields of physical therapy, occupational therapy, dietetics, and physician assistant practice.
4. **POLICY.**
 - a. The Crystal or Bronze Specialist Corps Medallion may be awarded upon the occasion of retirement and is based upon significant and sustained contributions in support of the SP and the AMEDD. All categories of individuals retiring (active, reserve, civilian, and NCOs) whose contributions (e.g. advancement or recognition of the Corps, recognition by peers for professional excellence, and/or continued support of the SP) may be considered for award of the Medallion.
 - (1) The award is not automatic but is concurred upon by a majority vote of the Corps Chief and Assistant Chiefs.
 - (2) Nominations will be submitted to the C, SP in memorandum format that includes the nominee's specialty, length of service, a brief summary of the nominee's contributions to the SP, and other factors to be considered.

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- (3) Individuals retiring with more than 26 years of service are eligible for the Crystal Medallion.
 - (4) Individuals retiring with less than 26 years of service are eligible for the Bronze Medallion.
- b. The SP Chief's Coin of Excellence will be awarded to individuals for exceptional performance of duty and/or outstanding contributions to the SP Corps.
- (1) The Coin of Excellence will be awarded to the recipients of the C, SP Award of Excellence and the PA of the Year.
 - (2) Nominations for other deserving individuals will be submitted to the C, SP in memorandum format that includes the nominee's specialty, a brief summary of the nominee's contributions to the SP, and other factors to be considered.
- c. The SP Corps Coin may be awarded to those personnel who positively contribute to the SP Corps.
- d. The SP Corps Chief or designee will present the SP Corps Crystal Medallion, the SP Corps Bronze Medallion, and the SP Corps Chief's Coin of Excellence. Any SP officer may present the SP Corps Coin.
5. EXPIRATION. This policy memorandum does not expire until superseded or rescinded by the Chief, Specialist Corps or her authorized representative.
6. POINT OF CONTACT. The point of contact is the Assistant to the Chief, Specialist Corps, Commercial (210) 221- 8306 or DSN 471-8306.



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